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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAM:
ISSUE OF AID TO REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

1. IN DISCUSSING FOOD AID PROJECTS OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, SWEDEN (OBSERVER) RAISED ISSUE OCTOBER 28 OF AID TO REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, CONTENDING THAT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM SHOULD BALANCE ITS AID TO REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT.

2. CHAIR CALLED ON J. S. ANNAN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND GENERAL SERVICES OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM TO REPLY. HE SAID ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER BETWEEN SWEDEN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AQUINO, AND READ FOLLOWING PREPARED STATEMENT:

AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS IN VIETNAM: (I) REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN); (II) THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG) AND (III) THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRVN). THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) IS A MEMBER OF FAO.

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OR DECISION REGARDING DISPENSATION OF AID

BY THE U.N. TO ANY OF THE 3 GOVERNMENTS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UN HAS, HOWEVER, MADE KNOWN PUBLICLY THAT IF ASKED TO DO SO, THE UN SHOULD RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR /HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE/ FROM THE VARIOUS PARTIES CONCERNED, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH THE UN IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO BRING PEACE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE INDO-CHINA PENINSULA. UNICEF, IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING OPERATIONS IN THE WVN, STARTED RELIEF WORK IN 1973 IN THE TERRITORIES CONTROLLED BY PRG AND DRVN.

WFP QUASI-EMERGENCY PROJECT 0151A - "POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN QUANG TU PROVINCE," OF TOTAL COST OF \$415,000, WAS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE BASIS OF THE GENERAL DESIRE TO HELP, ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, AS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UN. IF ANY OF THE OTHER TWO PARTIES, PRG OR DRVN, MAKES A REQUEST, PRESUMABLY THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UN, FOR /HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD SIMILARLY ACCORD IT THE ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION IT DESERVES, AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IGC.VOLPE

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